

has seen a number of changes in the legal profession over the last 50 years. The most significant change was the creation of the computer and how legal business is conducted today by e-filing casework, briefs, and files. Although there have been changes to the legal profession during his time as an attorney Gene's work ethic and dedication to upholding the law have stayed the same.

Mr. Speaker, Gene has made a difference in his community by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring his accomplishments. I thank him for his service to the city of Sidney and southwest Iowa and wish him and his family nothing but the best moving forward.

HONORING ADAM M. LARSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adam M. Larson. Adam is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Adam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Adam has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Adam has led his troop as the Senior Patrol Leader, earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and has become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Adam has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Adam renovated the Dog Park in Liberty, Missouri, removing the old, worn-down apparatuses and installing new equipment.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Adam M. Larson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I missed several votes last week to attend a funeral service in Massachusetts. I wish to state how I would have voted had I been present: Roll Call No. 33—No; Roll Call No. 32—Yes; Roll Call No. 31—Yes; Roll Call No. 30—Yes; Roll Call No. 29—Yes; Roll Call No. 28—Yes; Roll Call No. 27—Yes; Roll Call No. 26—Yes; Roll Call No. 25—Yes; Roll Call No. 24—Yes; and Roll Call No. 23—Yes.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHARLES  
RAMM HOLM, JR.

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Charles Ramm Holm, Jr. who passed away on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Charlie was born in Savannah, Georgia, to Charles Ramm Holm, Sr. and Ruth Carr Holm. In 1961, Charlie moved away from South Georgia to Washington, D.C. to begin his distinguished 18 year career in the public service. His desire to assist the American people and the U.S. Congress led him to work for Congressman G. Elliot Hagan as well as the Congressional Liaison for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Congressional Liaison for the Executive Office of the President. His commitment to public service continued until his retirement in 1979 while working for the Select Committee on Outer Continental Shelf/Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Charlie was a long time member of the Board of Directors for the Congressional Staff Club, Vice President of the Administrative Assistants Association for the U.S. House of Representatives, and President of the Administrative Assistants Association.

Charlie's efforts still did not end there as he became a mentor to young children and a committed father by coaching his son's Little League baseball teams.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Janet; his two sons, Charles R. Holm III and James Douglas Holm, Sr.; his two grandsons, Christian Clarke Holm and James Douglas "Jimmy" Holm, Jr.; and one great-grandson, Ashton Cross Holm.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, on January 12, 2016, I was not present for rollcall vote number 38. If I had been in attendance, I would have voted no on roll call vote 38.

CONGRATULATING RALPH  
FORQUERA ON HIS RETIREMENT  
AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished career of Ralph Forquera, a tireless champion of the health and welfare of American Indians and Alaska Natives living in urban areas.

As Ralph prepares to step down after more than two decades as executive director of the Seattle Indian Health Board, I commend him for his important work and wish him the very best on his next steps.

Under Ralph's direction, the Seattle Indian Health Board has become one of the nation's largest community health programs for urban American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Health Board now provides a full spectrum of clinical care, including direct primary medical, dental, mental health, and substance abuse services, to more than 7,000 individuals. Ralph's leadership has been essential to the Health Board's growth and continued successes.

Throughout his career, Ralph has been a champion of the Native American community, especially those who are Native American but not a member of or affiliated with a federally recognized tribe. Through his advocacy, Ralph never lets us forget about the challenges that urban Indians continue to face, including a 26 percent poverty rate as well as health disparities and chronic underfunding of health services.

Ralph knows it can take a long time for federal policy to be updated and changed, but he is steadfast in his efforts and never gives up. He participated in over a decade of discussions that ultimately led to reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. He played an important role in reauthorizing and making permanent the urban Indian health title of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. And Ralph, to this day, continues to work to extend the 100 percent Federal Medical Assistance Percentage to urban Indian health programs.

I wish Ralph the best in retirement, and I congratulate him on an outstanding career.

HONORING MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 (RET.) HERSHEL "WOODY" WILLIAMS

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Warrant Officer 4 Hershel "Woody" Williams, a lifelong West Virginian. When the freedom of the United States and the world was in peril during the Second World War, he gallantly heard the call to defend our nation and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1943. After finishing his training in California, CWO4 Williams was stationed in the Pacific Theater and bravely fought in the Battle of Guam in 1944.

What truly distinguishes CWO4 Williams is the exceptional bravery he demonstrated during the battle of Iwo Jima. When tanks became ineffective on the beaches, he fought his way to destroy seven Japanese pillboxes while covered only by four riflemen. His bravery in taking out the pillboxes in the battle of Iwo Jima was a determining factor in turning the tide of the battle in favor of the Americans.

Mr. Hershel "Woody" Williams was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Truman in 1945. The Medal of Honor was "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as demolition sergeant serving with the 21st Marines, 3d Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945." Mr. Williams is the last living Medal of Honor recipient from the Battle of Iwo Jima.